

anything like that, and if one took it, I say, woe, woe upon his worthless hide or hers, whichever the case might be, but I don't see any connection between this particular bill and state aid. I think this bill on its merits can stand and is justifiable. I will vote against the kill motion and Senator Goodrich still hasn't gotten here yet. I will terminate here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we often hear that we want local control, and when the local area is electing their local official or officials, that is their process of having local control. It is interesting to me that Senator Lamb does not feel that his local officials are qualified to make this decision which part of the state has already made. I do stand to support Senator Koch's motion to return LB 394 and I expect to cast my vote which would strike the enacting clause when it is returned.

PRESIDENT: Well we could. All right. Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 11 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, just two short comments, one in regard to the North Platte situation which Senator Koch raised. As you may remember, North Platte enacted the city sales tax by ordinance. There was a petition campaign in the city to put the proposal on the ballot. The petition campaign was successful. However, the city clerk would not recognize the signatures. This has resulted in a lawsuit which is now before the Nebraska Supreme Court. I submit that this is not a good procedure to go through, that LB 394 would correct this situation, and on that basis, I urge you to reject the motion by Senator Koch. Now the other point that has been raised is local control. How much more local can you have it if the people in the village or in the city vote as to which sort of a taxing proposal they want to accept. I submit that that is local control to the very greatest. I urge you to defeat this motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues, this question is real in Grand Island. I stated this before and I bring it to your attention again that in the City of Grand Island for some three, four years, sales tax for the local citizens has been a question that could never be resolved. The city council has now on the May ballot put this question to the voters which is the sensible way to do in a community of our type that needs to raise money for city government. We have got to take into consideration the economic reprisals that will happen should Hastings and Kearney also not enact the sales tax and this starts the war between the communities which really we just can't have. This has got to be taken from grass roots, from the taxpayer, from the voter. The way to do it is at an election not in the smoke filled committee rooms of the city council. Senator Lamb has an excellent bill and his approach is open and honest